

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday
16th
December**

Last Day of
2021 School
Year for
Students

**Friday 17th
December**

Student Free
Day ~ SSG
Meetings—
No students
to attend
school on this
day.



2022

**Monday 31st
January
2022**

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***Congratulations on your Graduation:
Ben, Nisha, Liliana & Ryan***

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Principal's Report

Happy Holidays



As another year is quickly coming to a close, I would like to wish all of our school community Happy Holidays. I would particularly like to thank our current school council members for their ongoing commitment to the school during 2021. Our meetings have been a mixture of onsite and online and have been punctuated by poor internet connections, computer updates and my inability to share documents online in a timely manner. I thank you for your patience and support during what could only be described as another unusual year. School council meets for the last time this year, next week, for the end of year dinner meeting at the local dumpling restaurant. Nominations for the new school council will be held early next year. Please consider nominating for school council in 2022.

See You Soon



The last remaining pupil free day will be held on the last day of term—Friday 17th December. The final student support group (SSG) meeting will be held on this day with the focus being a review and celebration of achievements for the year and the presentation of the end of year report.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer directs school staff and adult visitors in primary schools (including P-12 and specialist schools) to wear a face mask in all indoor settings, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication, additionally all adult visitors attending our school premises must be prepared to show evidence of vaccination and scan in via the QR code unless an exemption applies.

Please inform your classroom teacher if you do not wish to comply with the above, and either a phone or WebEx meeting will be organised.

Please do not attend the school if you are unwell

or exhibiting signs of COVID. The symptoms to watch out for are:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Please note that school will finish at normal time on Thursday 16th December 2021.

Student Reports



The teachers and Specialists have done an admirable job on the student reports this year in trying circumstances. Thank you to Abby who has been busily proof reading the reports in readiness for the final SSG. In addition to a hard copy, a scanned copy will also be added to each students USB this year. Both of these items will be passed on at the final SSG meeting.

Building Program



The demolition is nearly complete after some setbacks with the discovery of a large amount of ground water at the lower end of

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the old building and previously unknown asbestos which was discovered under the building. To keep everyone on site safe, work was stopped and the asbestos was removed during the weekend before being signed off by the hygienist.

The project is now several weeks behind schedule, and it looks unlikely that the concrete slab will be laid before the construction industry holiday shutdown for the Christmas break.

Farewell to Kristen



Farewell and good luck to our Physiotherapist Kristen Holland who is moving to Cairns at the end of the year for work opportunities. Thank you for your work with our students over the past four and a half plus years Kristen and all the best in your future.

Student Concert



In order to keep our school community safe, the school concert is again being run virtually. As a significant proportion of our students are below 12, and therefore unvaccinated, it was agreed with school council that this would be an appropriate course of action for this year. Each class has developed a recorded item which will be placed online for families to enjoy at their leisure. The online concert will be available in the coming days – stay tuned for further details.

Student Graduation



This Wednesday will be the formal celebration for our graduating students Ben, Nisha, Liliana and Ryan. All four of these students have been at Bayside Special Developmental School since Early Education, so there are many memories to relive. The event will be held after school upstairs in the Jan Lake

conference area, and this year due to COVID restrictions and best practice considerations, is restricted to the students' families and members of staff.

I extend congratulations from all of our school community to each of these graduating students and hope that the next stage of your lives continues to offer new challenges and opportunities.

Review of Current Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)



During last week the School Improvement Team (SIT) met with our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) Leanne Marshall, from the Region to discuss the progress the school had made towards the achievement of goals in the current AIP 2021 and discuss measurable outcome areas such as student attendance, student wellbeing, staff survey results, school climate and engagement. I am pleased to report that this year the school has been ranked by the Department in the category of influence, which is the top area. Credit for this result must go to our leadership team Karryn Bowen, Carolina Rosenberg, Cheryl O'Leary, Abigail Everiss and Tania

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Castro Millas who have continued to meet online during the year and produce a research base of knowledge and accompanying professional development to our staff in the areas of English, Mathematics and School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS). On reflection, the amount of work achieved under these leaders and their Professional Learning Teams (PLT) during 2021 would have been admirable under circumstances not influenced by COVID restrictions. Well done!

Classes and Staffing for 2022



This week, classes and staffing for 2022 went home to all families. Included in the packs which went home to all families is a laminated photo composite of staff and students for your child's class next year. It is suggested that you place this in a prominent place and refer to it often during the term holiday break to assist your child to learn the names of their staff and classmates for 2022.

Thank You



Thank you to the Highett RSL for their continuous support of the school. Last week we received a visit from Rodger who presented the school with a cheque for \$500. These funds will go towards the iPad communication program. Thank you Highett RSL!

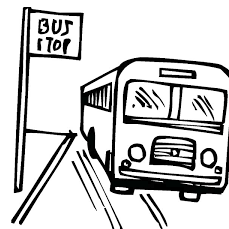
Watch Your Speed



Please remember that the speed limit in Genoa Street is 40km/h. There are several young students from Southmoor Primary School who cross this road, and are quite vulnerable at school drop off and pick up times.

Michael Pepprell
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report



The 2022 school bus runs have been finalised and approved. Parents that have applied for the service will receive confirmation of individual service times this week. Please note, the runs will commence with pick up and drop off times as informed. Any adjustments to timings will be made in week three of Term one once the routes have been trialled. Parents who do not wish to use the service are requested to complete and return the 'Amendment of bus service' form as provided.

Tania Castro Millas
Assistant Principal

Room E1 ~ Liz, Llywela & Debbie

The EEP students have been busy with dot markers, paint, glue and glitter, piecing together some end of year crafts. Some have used paint rollers, delighting in the patterns that they create; some have used paintbrushes, carefully detailing each section; while others have engaged in a more 'natural' approach of using their fingers and hands.

It has been such an incredible year in the Early Education classes!

Despite the challenges of the 2021 school year, the students of E1 have flourished with Ariel, Daphne, Felix G, Felix L, Isaac, Ivaan, Lachie, Nissim, Pablo, Taiga, Vivienne and Xavier all having accomplished their own triumphs this year and we are so incredibly proud of them.

Finally, for our last newsletter of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Deb for her amazing support, always getting done whatever it was we needed – thank you Deb!

Wishing all the Bayside SDS community an enjoyable and safe end of year break with friends and family.

See you in 2022.

Room E4 ~ Cheryl, Natasha, Idit, Sally & Vicky

Oh No! There's an elf on the loose and he is hiding in E4! We have begun looking for an elf during our shared reading session, perhaps you have seen him? We have seen him around the classroom next to the core board, on top of a cushion and hanging upside down in the breakout room. Where will he be next? We also have a few photos on



the interactive board to view and keenly look to see where a little green elf is hiding too!

This term is nearly over! Each student has made personal achievements and growth towards their goals despite the unsettled year. Well done Aiden, Oscar, Kasey, Theo, and Archer! The E4 teachers have enjoyed those notable moments, the shared experiences, and enjoyment

that specific activities have given each student throughout the year.

I would like to thank, Tash, Vicky, Sally and Idit for their support, enthusiasm, organisation, creativity and drawing skills to make E4 a fantastic team for this year!

PS: Just quietly, the E4 end of year concert is a must see, but then again, we may be a bit biased!

Room E5 ~ Kate & Anouk

What a year 2021 has been. We have been so proud of how everyone has handled the uncertainty of the year. We have had a lot of fun in E5 this year with the boys. Anouk, Bridget and myself would like to thank the students and the families for being so supportive of us and allowing us to have such a fun and have an enjoyable classroom. We have all really enjoyed our time in E5.

This past fortnight we have been practising our concert performance. We all get very

excited when the costumes come out and the music starts to play. We really enjoy the song, and can't wait for you all to see our concert and all the hard work the boys have been putting in. We have also enjoyed making some different art to go home with us at the end of the year.

I would like to say thank you to everyone that has supported the E5 boys throughout the year. Particularly the therapists, East Wing staff, as well as Michael and Tania.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to my wonderful education support staff. Anouk and Bridget you both are incredibly hard workers and always have a focus on making sure every child at Bayside SDS is as happy as they can be. I have very much enjoyed working with you and I know the boys have too. Thank you very much!

Happy holidays everyone, See you in 2022!!

Room E6 ~ Carolina & Neena

We started our gross motor movement program in the gym after many months, and have welcomed back the facilitator, Libby. We delivered a wonderful and varied program including familiar and new equipment, and circuits, occupying the whole space and our students enjoyed the high energy and James did exceptionally well at packing up.

We have been busy filming and taking photos for our concert item and we can't wait for you to see the finished product soon. We were so pleased how the students responded to their 'costume' and how they reacted to directions to act out our story and song, with lots of enthusiasm. We are also been completing some

art for our end of year gifts and have been exploring some very exciting techniques.

See you next at the SSG meeting.

Room W1 ~ Abigail, Christine, Melissa & Anna

What a wild ride this year has been! I am so proud of the students in W1 for their flexibility coping with the transitions between onsite and remote learning and all the achievements they have made along the way. I like to use the last newsletter of the term to pick a highlight for each student and the staff's favourite photo. Well done to Ben for the progress he has made this year using his Proloquo2Go in class to communicate his requests – especially

his favourite music choices. Well done to Michelle for her new found enjoyment of bike riding this term, it is great to see her doing some laps of the courtyard with staff support. Well done to Jack for his engagement and progress using the eye gaze machine to explore cause and effect activities – the tweeting birds are a favourite! Well done to Lachy for his use of his visuals for communication this term, especially to request his favourite songs on the smartboard.

Well done to Nisha embracing a new communication system on her personal iPad – staff have had fun supporting Nisha to choose songs and have a chat. We wish Nisha and Ben all the best in their post-school choices next year – both will be greatly missed. We wish the students and families all the best for the holidays and look forward to celebrating the achievements from across the year at the SSGs next week.

Room W2 ~ Cara, Carly & Marion

We (Carly, Cara and Marion) would like to share with you some fabulous highlights by all the students in W2 for this year. It has been a great year! We have all had so much fun and this group of students together has been an absolute joy – let us tell you about them

Bella: For joining in so smoothly and happily into W2 after transitioning to Bayside, and bringing us joy with your love of music, and picking up skills on iPad for communication well. Congratulations Bella!

Charlotte: For gaining confidence and control of the things she wants and doesn't want, and using adults and communication devices and supports to engage and communicate. Well done!

Dylan: For using his voice clearly when reading aloud to an adult and being a champion at supporting his peers and his class in everyday routines. Thank you Dylan!

Kate: For being consistent and capable at using her device in requesting scenarios and expanding her repertoire to select choice activities in the classroom. We

have enjoyed our conversations and singalongs too! Awesome Kate!

Jaidan: For working hard to achieve his goals from the home learning environment and showing off his infectious smile in photos whenever he can! Well done!

William: For joining in classroom activities consistently throughout the year, and initiating conversations and greetings with familiar staff. Thank you William!

Thank you W2! All the best in your future classes and endeavours. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas/summer break everyone!

Room W3 ~ Gloria & Paddy

Well here we are again, almost at the end of another term and another year. It's all things Christmas in W3 at the moment. Concert item, art, music and food!

We had Christmas Dinner this week, followed by Christmas

Ice Cream. For anyone who doesn't know what that is, it's when you smash up Christmas fruit mince pies into ice-cream – it's delicious.

We also had a bit of excitement last week as we went out on the bus and had morning

tea at Karkarook Lake—I think Paddy was more excited than the students!

Wishing all of our families and friends a very Merry Christmas and may our next year be a happy one!

Room W4 ~ Charles, Aura & Mel

Everyone I talk to is a bit stunned that the year is coming to an end. It has been such a strange and challenging year, but I think we feel, too, immensely proud of how Bayside has handled it all, and especially of how well the students have dealt with the toing and froing on top of the challenges that any year throws up.

Highlights have included: the exploration of movement for all the students, and how they have found new ways to express themselves through expanded movement; the sense of community and shared enjoyment in the classroom—thank you Aura and Mel especially for this—it's been a fun,

dynamic and supportive class for everyone to be part of; and finally, the individual development of the students—each student has learnt more about themselves and how they can participate more fully in the world around them. Great to see the students growing into such wonderful young people. Happy holidays!

Room N1 ~ Ka Ling & Danielle

Well, well ... 🎵 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! 🎵

This past fortnight, students in N1 have had a few squeals as we began the countdown to Christmas. The classroom is looking pretty festive with paper chains, a Christmas mural, cute snowmen, gingerbread men and beautifully decorated gingerbread houses too. We have just started reading the

book, "Macca's Christmas Cracker", in class.

Since we have had some great success with our cooking sessions this year, we have put in a vote for the best cooking session. The winner with 5 votes, we have the Yaki Udon recipe and coming in second with 3 votes, was hamburgers. We made Yaki Udon last week, and we will be making hamburgers this week! Cooking on the last

week of term will have to be Christmas themed!! Stay tuned!

What a fantastic year it has been for N1! A huge thank you to all the students and families for a successful year. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all! Thank you to Danielle for the excellent efforts she has put in too! Have a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.

Room N2 ~ Karryn & Marshall

This week, we have started filming segments for our end of year concert that we will then be editing together. It will be interesting to see how it all looks in the final cut, as we have been very impressed by the individual performances. Just like all end of year concerts I'm sure it will be alright 'on the night' as it always is!

After starting at Bayside in EEP, Liliana and Ryan have less than two weeks left at Bayside! They have

both been a vibrant part of our class this year and we know they will be missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

The change of month from November to December during our daily morning meeting was greatly anticipated by a number of students in the room who are attuned to equating December with Christmas, especially Ryan,

who asked for Christmas Lights from day 1. Everyone else has been enthusiastically moving and grooving to Christmas songs. The countdown is on in earnest now to the end of the year. All students have shown amazing resilience this year through all its ups and downs. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved Summer break. Happy Holidays to all – stay safe and we will see you again in 2022!

Room N3 ~ Lulu & Mark L

Just like that, we're on our last newsletter of the year! We can't believe how fast this year has gone!!!

The past fortnight has been very busy as we prepare for the end of the year in N3. The boys have worked hard creating the perfect end of year gifts for their families and making themselves some little treats to

celebrate all of the hard work they've put in this year!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and relaxing break, and we look forward to hearing about everyone's holidays next year!

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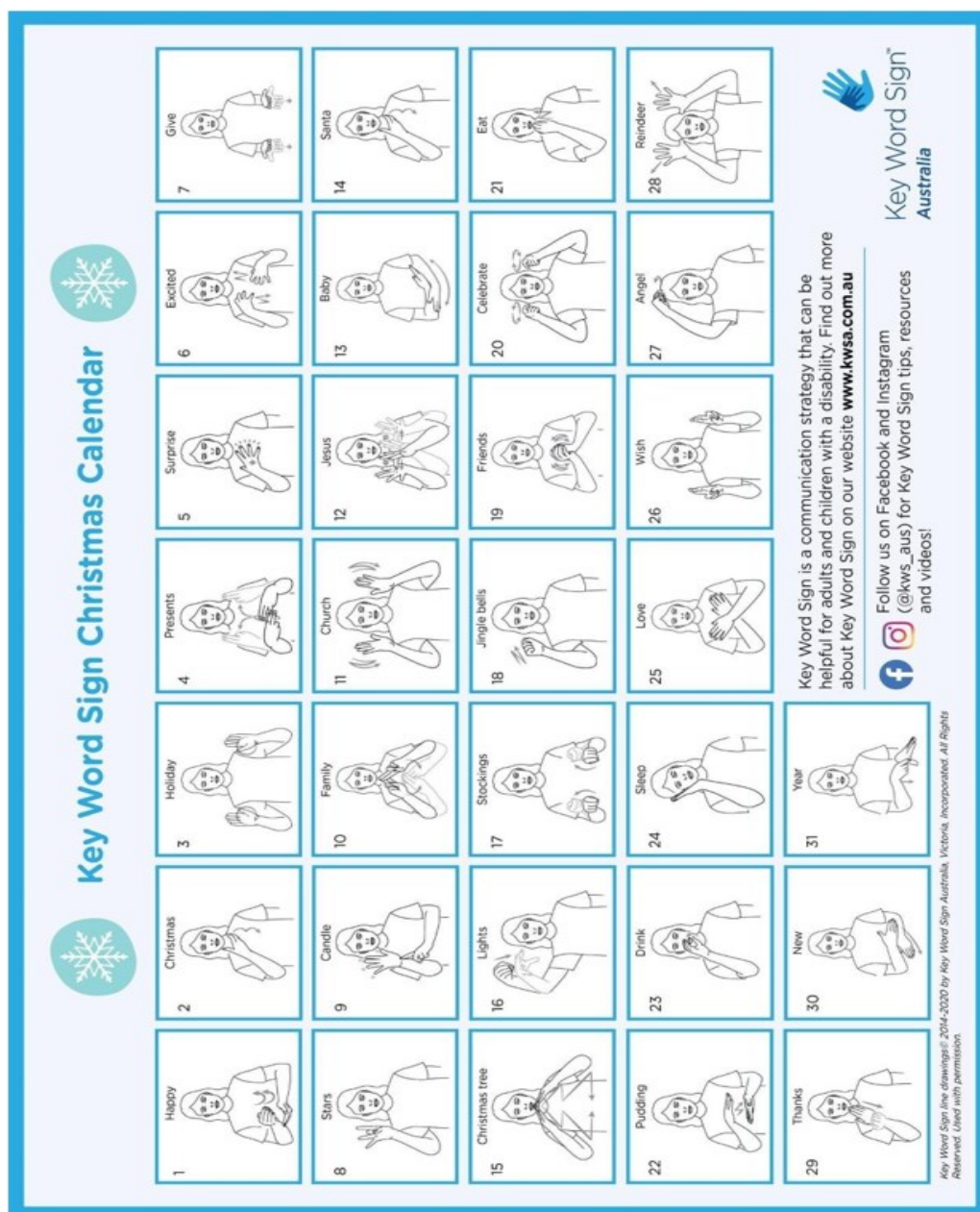


Speech Therapy Report—Emily Mizzi

Dear Bayside families,

What a great year it has been. As you know, this year I returned from maternity leave after a few years off. I have loved every minute of my return to work and have enjoyed watching the bayside students make further progress with their communication and mealtimes during this time. I hope you all have a fantastic and well-deserved break.

I have attached a Key Word Sign Christmas calendar to aid communication and have a bit of signing fun at home during the holiday period. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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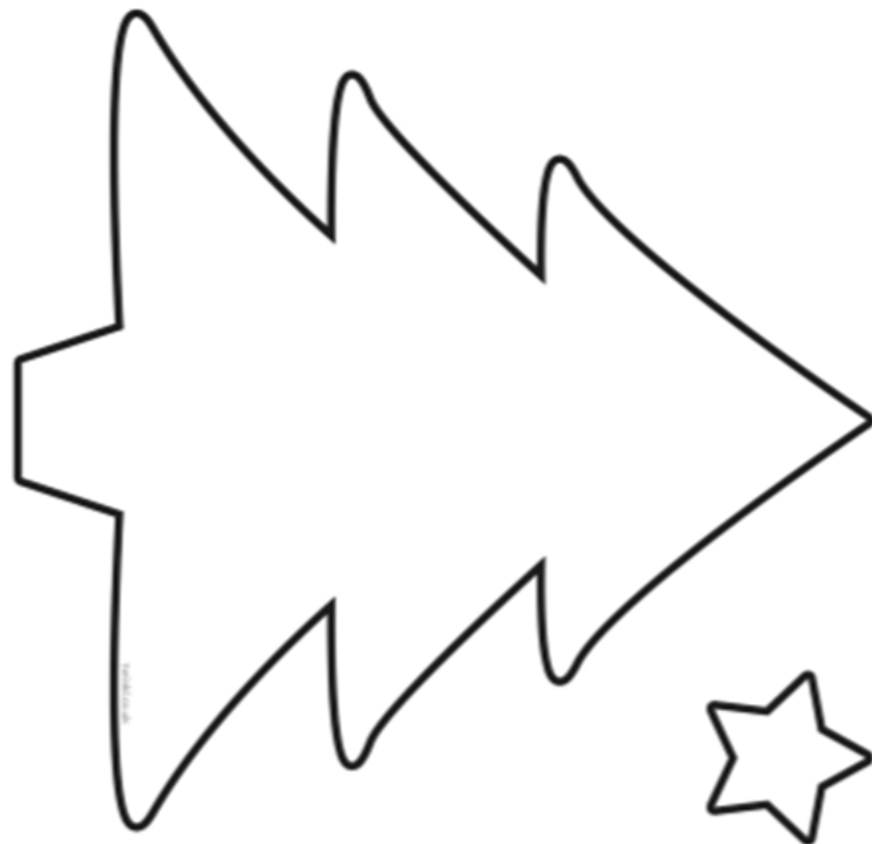
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Occupational Therapy Report—Lauren Casserly

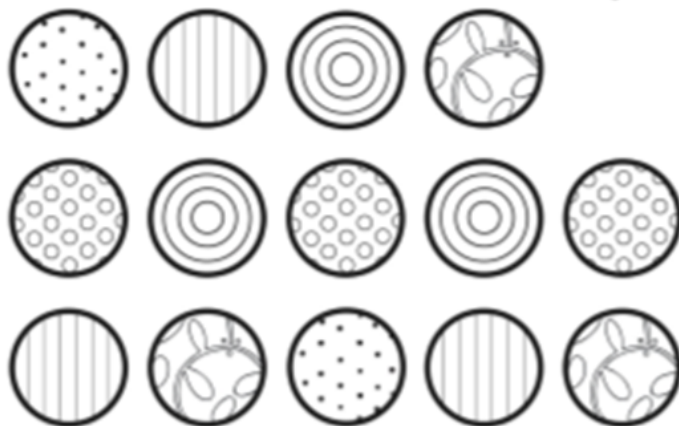
Well done to the students on another fantastic year at Bayside. I have loved getting to know everyone during my first year at the school, and it has been a pleasure to see the students develop and have fun. I hope everyone has a restful break.

I have attached a Christmas themed craft activity that some of the students may enjoy completing to keep practicing their fine motor skills.

Happy holidays!



Instructions
 1. Colour in the Christmas tree, star and baubles
 2. Cut them out very carefully
 3. Decorate your Christmas tree



Multi-Sensory Report—Jo Robinson

It's been another challenging year for all of us with the ongoing global pandemic. It has been wonderful to be able to continue to work with students in the Multi Sensory Space—their resilience has been admirable!

Below is a recipe for some Cocoa shaping sand. This is similar to kinetic sand but can be made with ingredients you probably have in your cupboard and is safe for those who may be tempted to explore with their mouth! I hope you enjoy it and wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays and I look forward to a sensational year in 2022!

Cocoa Shaping Sand



What you need

140g arrowroot flour
55g olive oil
20g cocoa

Tools

Medium mixing bowl
Scales
Mixing spoon
Container with lid

Lets get making

1. Grab the mixing bowl and weigh in all of the ingredients. Give it a little mix
2. Then, get your hands in there and rub the ingredients together between your fingers.
3. Your sand is ready when it holds its shape when squeezed, but breaks apart easily.
4. Transfer your shaping sand into the container

Time to play

Make shapes and smash them down; its fun and smells great!

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Mental Health Practitioner Report—Meaghan Morley

International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is a United Nations (UN) recognised day held on 3 December each year to celebrate the contributions and achievements of people with disability as well as promoting awareness, understanding and acceptance in our community.

The UN theme for IDPwD this year is '*Leadership and Participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.*'

By acknowledging this important day, we can take action to remove barriers for the 4.4 million Australians with disability and contribute to positive change in our community.

We encourage everyone to get involved and join the celebration! Together, we can all take action to challenge stereotypes, remove barriers and promote inclusive and respectful attitudes and behaviours in our community.

Let's all take action this December, and all year round, to help make Australia more inclusive for people with disability.

For more information about IDPwD, including resources, stories, videos and social tiles, visit www.idpwd.com.au or follow @idpwd on Facebook and Twitter.

You can also help spread the word and join the conversation online using #IDPwD!

